SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" I have put a specific question requesting the Government to state whether any proposal is pending before them to construct an anicut near Pulikundram. That has not been answered. May I request the Hon. the Minister for Public Works to kindly state whether any such proposal is pending before the Government, Sir? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is no proposal to construct an anicut at Pulikundram, because it is three miles from the place where we propose to construct the anicut. Therefore the proposal to construct the anicut at Pulikundram has been given up."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" May I know whether any representation was received from the villagers of so many villages who were under the estate and whether it is pending with the Government? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I want notice, Sir."

*Government Hospital at Nagapattinam.*

* 400 *Q.*—SRI N. SIVARAJ : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the status of the Government hospital at Nagapattinam in Tanjore district was reduced in 1952; and

(*b*) whether the Government received any memoranda from the public of Nagapattinam town and the concerned Municipal Council in 1952 and 1953 requesting the Government to restore the original status of the Hospital?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir."

SRI N. SIVARAJ :—" தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லாவிலேயே இரண்டாவது பெரிய ஆஸ்பத்திரியானது நாகப்பட்டணம் சர்க்கார் ஆஸ்பத்திரிதான். ஐம்பதாயிரம் ஜனத்தொகைக்கு அதிகமாக உள்ளது நாகப்பட்டணம் முனிசிபாலிடி. அங்கு ஜில்லா மாஜிஸ்ட்ரேட் காரியாலயம் இருப்பதால் ஆஸ்பத்திரிக்கு ஏராளமான பேர்கள் வைத்தியத்திற்கு வருகிறார்கள். அப்படியிருக்கும்போது நாகப்பட்டணம் ஆஸ்பத்திரியிலிருந்த ஸிவில் ஸர்ஜன் பதவியை எடுத்துவிட்டதால், அதனுடைய அந்தஸ்து குறைந்திருக்கிறதென்பதைப் பரிசீலனை செய்வதற்கு மந்திரி அவர்கள் நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளுவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Generally, we have Civil Surgeons at District Headquarters Hospitals. This is not a District Headquarters Hospital, Sir."

SRI S. VADIVELU :—" அந்த ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் படுக்கை வசதிகள் போதாது என்று சர்க்காருக்குத் தகவல் வந்திருக்கிறதால் மேற்படி ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் போதுமான படுக்கை வசதி செய்து கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன் வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This question relates to the posting of Civil Surgeons and not to bed strength, Sir."

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SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" I think that the policy of the Government is to extend and increase the facilities in the various hospitals. That being so, may I know the reason for effecting a reduction in the Nagapatnam hospital and for lowering the status of that hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Bed strength has not been reduced, Sir. The Director of Medical Services has said that there is no need for posting a Civil Surgeon at that hospital. So we have posted an Assistant Surgeon there."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, may I know what determines the status of hospitals? " 10 40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The bed strength, the staff, the equipment, the accommodation—all these things determine the status of a hospital." (Laughter.)

*Hostel for the students of the Law College, Madras.*

* 401 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state why a hostel for the students of the Law College, Madras, has not been opened so far?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The question is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister please tell the House the efforts made by the Government so far in this direction? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, we examined the possibility of utilising the Coxcheri building for the purpose of a hostel, but it was found unsuitable. Therefore, it was given up and then a proposal was put forward to put up new buildings, but I thought that in view of the separation of Andhra State, further building programme may be stopped, meanwhile watching the progress of some of the people leaving the City."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, this question had been under the consideration of the Government for the last so many years and yet the Government have found it difficult to open the hostel and implement the promise made on the floor of this House. I would like to know, if the Government find it difficult to open a hostel in the next academic year, whether they would reserve a few seats in the hostels in the City for the Law College students? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There are other students also who require hostel accommodation. If we reserve some of the seats for the Law College students, to that extent the other students would be driven away. As a matter of fact, the Law College students are aged enough to take better care of themselves."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, I am surprised at the answer given by the Hon. Minister for Education. Even since the days when I was a student of the Law College, some 20 years back, the